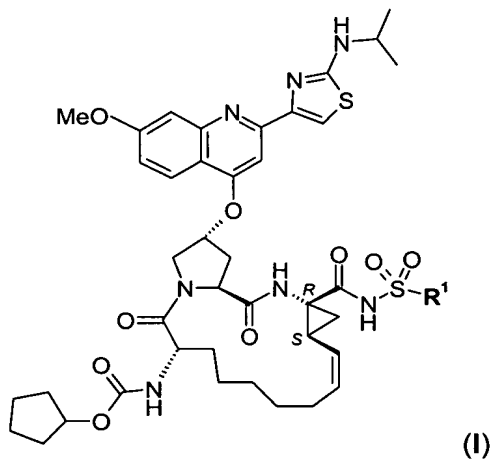


## ABSTRACT

Compounds of formula (I):



wherein **R<sup>1</sup>** is (C<sub>1-8</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>3-7</sub>)cycloalkyl, {(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl-(C<sub>3-7</sub>)cycloalkyl} or Het, which are all optionally substituted from 1 to 3 times with halo, cyano, nitro, O-(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, amido, amino or phenyl, or **R<sup>1</sup>** is C<sub>6</sub> or C<sub>10</sub> aryl which is optionally substituted from 1 to 3 times with halo, cyano, nitro, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, O-(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, amido, amino or phenyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, useful as an inhibitor of the HCV NS3 protease.